

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA FALL 2012 EDITION

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Congratulations Associates Degree Graduates and CDA Credential Recipients!

Associates Degree Graduates:

<u>Back Row</u>: Gwendolyn Hurt, Markie Garrison, Veronica Nuñez, Sylvia Urbalejo, Terrie Parker, Connie Felix, Victoria Mendoza, De'Visha King, Mario Uribe, Nancy Collier. <u>Front Row</u>: Adrian Weaver, Zinnat Karim, Sherry Birch, Martha Russell, Ana Nguyen, Oksana Beatty and Elizabeth Velazquez. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Rhonda Avalos, Erika Faucher, Heather Fontenot, Tyrina Jordan-Griffin, Selena Kleparek, Tina LeBaron Carolyn Lovell-Clark, Amy Lundgren, Rufina Montaño-Torres, and Lerner Morrison



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To apply for the T.E.A.C.H. Program visit:

www.asccaz.org/teach.html

Download an application, print forms, eligibility requirements and additional program information

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CDA Credential Recipients



Left to Right: Jessica Paschal, Alice Gray, Rebekah Milz, Kathryn DeVeau, Josie Casillas, Tina Wilson, Ana S. Castro, Travis Wilson, Nidhal Gewargis, Jennifer Manuel, Jennifer Campbell, Norma Landin, Jenny Waldrop, Amalia Brown, Johanna Hierro. Not Pictured: Gloria Almazan, Pamela Bang Karlceta Begaye, Suzannah Bell, Jessica Champion, Sarah DiGiola, Diana Figueroa, JoAnne Howard, Cedric Jackson, Donna Knapik, Yolanda Lopez, Samantha Luna, Clarissa McConnell, Heather McKenna-Burr, Rhonda Page, Jessica Ramos. Silvia Rico, Olivia Salinas and Maria Villescas







Steve Lynn (Chair, First Things First) and Johanna Hierro, (CDA Credential Recipient, Speaker for T.E.A.C.H. Recognition Dinner)

"Tree Of Life Daycare LLC, was introduced to T.E.A.C.H back in 2010, by Quality First. This has been such a great opportunity for me as Owner/ Director, and my staff members. All we had to do was to say, 'YES!' T.E.A.C.H has given us the tools to empower our program with the needed knowledge, network opportunities, and great chances to see our program from another prospective. We are an in-home based center, we offer our children top notch care, by involving our families and the community in our program. Thanks T.E.A.C.H for such great opportunity to continue our education. I believe that if we are able to think of ourselves as 'constant learners' we are able to be more effective and successful in what we do. I already have my BA of Arts in English Education, but I could never see myself as 'done' in this beautiful career, which is working with our future builders, our children. This Program made it possible for me to finish my CDA, even while being pregnant with our last son Isaac. Now, I am going for my specialization in Early Childhood Education and T.E.A.C.H has been the backbone to it. Thank you for such a wonderful experience. You have tremendously blessed me, our staff members, our children and families! Keep up the GOOD work T.E.A.C.H. If you are not a part of T.E.A.C.H., I strongly advise you to do so...you won't regret it!"

Johanna Hierro



Joanne Floth (Central Maricopa First Things First Regional Director) Kathryn DeVeau, Travis Wilson, Tina Wilson, Rebekah Milz, Amalia Brown, Jessica Paschal and Debbie Hallman (Tempe Christian Preschool Director, Speaker for T.E.A.C.H. Recognition Dinner)

Tempe Christian Preschool had seven CDA Credential Recipients from their center this year. Two of the CDA Recipients, as well as another teacher, are now T.E.A.C.H. Associates Degree Scholars. Debbie Hallman, Director was one of the speakers at the T.E.A.C.H. Recognition Dinner.

"The T.E.A.C.H. Program has really helped our staff to continue their education. I have seen many great things happen in all our classrooms. I got my Associates Degree three years ago. I wish I was able to take advantage of using this Program for my own education."

Debbie Hallman



Steve Lynn (Chair, First Things First), Rhian Evans Allvin (CEO, First Things First)







Rhian Evans Allvin (CEO, First Things First) Susan Jacobs (Executive Director, Association for Supportive Child Care)







DeVisha King (T.E.A.C.H. Associates Degree Graduate, Speaker at T.E.A.C.H. Recognition Dinner)

"I have been working in the Child and Family field for about 15 years. I started my college journey in 2002. I attended Central Arizona College and received my CDA. I later decided I wanted to do more with my life, so I sought out Phoenix College. I have been motivated by my daughter who is now 13 years old. I got into the field full-time when she was one and a half. She has always pushed me to keep going in my education. I have always told her that no matter what mistakes you make in life, you can always accomplish your goals and dreams. My mother never made it to college, she only got a GED. For me this is a big step, because I graduated in 1998 with my High School diploma, then my Certificate of Completion in Family Support and Adolescent Studies. Now I have received my Associates of Applied Science in Family Development. It makes me happy inside to know I survived this long road, and my dreams can now be fulfilled. My goals are to work with families and youth someday."

De'Visha King



To see more T.E.A.C.H.

"Recognition Dinner" photos:

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Elaine Bradford (T.E.A.C.H. Program Coordinator), Markie Garrison (T.E.A.C.H. Associates Degree Graduate, Recipient of the Boeing Charitable Trust Bachelor's Model Pilot Scholarship) Dawn Henry (Program Manager, Association for Supportive Child Care), Steve Lynn (Chair, First Things First



"The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Program has benefited my life in amazing ways. I was ecstatic to find out about a program that could help me pay for college. I knew that the T.E.A.C.H. Program was perfect for me because I was going to be paid for doing something that I truly loved, working with young children. I have always known that working with children was my calling and I enjoy every minute of my job. The T.E.A.C.H. program has allowed me to focus on my courses in school without worrying so much about the money, because we all know how expensive a college education can be. I am honored to be one of the first students to receive the 'Bachelors Model' scholarship and hope that many more students are able to benefit from this program as much as I have.

I have enjoyed working with the people from the program and especially appreciate all of the help and encouragement that I have received, from Susanna Mack. I do not know if I could have made it through the program without her help. T.E.A.C.H. will continue to benefit my life as I enter into my senior year of college and I know that this program will continue to help many more students just like me!"

Markie Garrison

A Special Thank You To The Participating Centers of T.E.A.C.H Associates Degree Graduates and CDA Credential Recipients!

Alchesay Beginnings Child Development Center American Evangelical Lutheran Preschool & Daycare **Ana's Daycare Adventure School 2 Avalos Family Child Care Beatitudes Agelink** Bulldog Boulevard Preschool and Child Care Catalina Methodist Day School **Chandler Kids Express** Hancock Elementary Child Parent Centers, Inc. Roberts Head Start City of Phoenix - R.E.S.D. #66 **Bush Head Start Cottonwood Enrichment Center** El Mirage II Head Start From Beginning to End Gateway Fellowship Preschool Center **Homeward Bound Kids Corner Kids First Preschool** Kid Zone Preschool at Getz School Lattie Coor II Head Start Los Ninos del Valle Preschool M.U.S.D #4 Early Education Center Michael Anderson II Head Start Ocotillo Early Learning Center Pascua Yaqui Head Start Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Early **Childhood Education Center** Seleana's Family Child Care Scottsdale Academy Private School of the Arts **Shepherd's Fold Preschool** Sine 1 Head Start Sunrise #111 Sunrise #129 **SonShine Learning Center** Susie's Momma Bear T.U.S.D. Pace Program Southwest Education Center The Goddard School - Buckeye The Goddard School - Gilbert 2 The Lerner's Place Daycare **Tempe Christian Preschool Tiny Tots Daycare Center** Tots Unlimited #26 Tree of Life Daycare LLC **Tutor Time** U M O M New Day Center **Union Head Start Uribe Child Care** Velazquez Family Child Care Vista Colina Child Development Program

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PELL GRANT UPDATE:

Effective Summer Semester 2012 T.E.A.C.H. will cover the cost of books (no funds will be taken out of PELL Grant money for books). Please be sure to send T.E.A.C.H. your financial aid award letter.

Central Arizona College Students:

You must send in your <u>course schedule</u> after drop/add period each semester. T.E.A.C.H. needs this in order to pay tuition to Central Arizona College. Fall 2012 Semester's drop/add date ends August 25, 2012.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL 2012 START DATES

Arizona Western August 20, 2012

Central Arizona
August 18, 2012

Chandler/Gilbert
August 18, 2012

Cochise August 20, 2012

Coconino August 27, 2012

Eastern Arizona
August 20, 2012

Glendale August 18, 2012

Mesa August 18, 2012

Mohave August 20, 2012

Northland Pioneer August 27, 2012

Paradise Valley August 18, 2012

Phoenix August 18, 2012

Pima August 22, 2012

Rio Salado August 20, 2012

Scottsdale August 18, 2012

South Mountain August 18, 2012

Tohono O'odham August 16, 2012

> Yavapai August 20, 2012